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NEWSPAPERS

(1) BALTSUN (TREWHITT FROM BOGOTA) -- "KISSINGER ARRIVES
IN COLOMBIA TO FIRST ANTI-U.S. PROTESTS OF TOUR" (PAGE 2)
"... KISSINGER ARRIVED .. DURING THE FIRST ORGANIZED
HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS OF HIS .. TOUR. ... IRONICALLY,
COLOMBIA WAS NOT EVEN ON HIS ORIGINAL SCHEDULE.

"AMERICAN OFFICIALS. . PERSUADED THE SECRETARY TO ADD
COLOMBIA TO HIS ITINERARY. HOW, THEY ASKED, COULD HE PASS
UP A DEMOCRACY, . . WITH WHICH THE U.S. HAS EXCELLENT
RELATIONS? AND DESPITE THE ABSENCE OR URGENT PROB-
LEMS, . . MR. KISSINGER AND MICHELSEN HAVE PLENTY TO TALK
ABOUT.
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' ' HE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE NOT DIRECTED PRIMARILY AGAINST
THE U.S. THEY BEGAN TWO WEEKS AGO . . FROM A COMBINATION
OF SEVERAL FACTORS, (TWO OF WHICH ARE) UNREST A YEAR AGO
CAUSED LOPEZ TO DECLARE A STATE OF SIEGE . . THEN THE

EXPIRATION OF ALL LABOR CONTRACTS. . . . WITH THE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF KISSINGER'S VISIT, (THE DEMONSTRATIONS)
TOOK ON A STRONG ANTI-U.S. TONE, . . .

". . MR. KISSINGER WILL SEE LITTLE OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS
. . . . U.S. OFFICIALS PUT THE BEST POSSIBLE INTER-
PRETATION ON THE SECRETARY'S LOW PROFILE, EMPHASIZING THAT
THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE NOT EXCLUSIVELY ANTI-AMERICAN.
BUT . . COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS OBVIOUSLY WOULD HAVE EXPOSED
HIM MORE AT A HAPPIER TIME. . .

"MR. KISSINGER, MR. LOPEZ AND MR. LIEVANO PLANNED TO CON-
CENTRATE ON . . TRADE RELATIONS, . . DRUG TRAFFIC, . .
AND PANAMA. . .

"THE SECRETARY . . BECAME INITIATED INTO THE FRENETIC
PREPARATIONS FOR THE PRE-LENT CELEBRATION OF CARNIVAL. . ."
(TREWHITT WINDS UP WITH SECRETARY'S EVENING AT THE
SAMBA CLUB ("SWEATING THOUSANDS" AND CAVORTING DANCERS).

(2) WASHPOST (HANDLER FROM RIO; NO OMANG) -- "BRAZILIAN
MAKES PLEA TO KISSINGER" (PAGE 20)

"A DISTRAUGHT WOMAN WHO BELIEVES HER SON WAS TORTURED TO
DEATH BY BRAZIL'S ANTI-COMMUNIST MILITARY REGIME, PER-
SONALLY TOOK HER CASE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER. . .

"ZULEIKA ANGEL JONES INTERCEPTED KISSINGER IN HIS HOTEL
HERE SATURDAY NIGHT AND GAVE HIM A PACKAGE OF DOCUMENTS
RELATED TO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF HER SON . . .

"MRS. JONES WANTS KISSINGER TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO OBLIGE
BRAZIL'S MILITARY GOVERNMENT TO REVEAL ALL THE FACTS IN
HER SON'S CASE. SHE GAVE KISSINGER EVIDENCE . . THAT
STUART JONES WAS TORTURED TO DEATH. . . . ACCORDING TO
THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, JONES . . WAS NEVER ARRESTED . .
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"KISSINGER, WHO JUST CONFERRED SPECIAL CONSULTANT STATUS
ON THE PRO-U.S. GOVERNMENT HERE, DODGED QUESTIONS ON HUMAN
RIGHTS DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE SATURDAY IN BRASILIA . ."

(3) CHITRIB (UPI ITEM ON PAGE 2 DATELINED RIO; NO
MACLEAN) -- BRIEF PIECE DETAILING SECRETARY'S LAST DAY IN
BRAZIL (SAMBA SHOW, SAILING) AND ARRIVAL IN COLOMBIA
(STRICT SECURITY DUE TO REPORTED DEMONSTRATIONS). HIGH-
LIGHT OF BRAZILIAN TRIP: SIGNING OF AGREEMENT ON INTER-
NATIONAL COOPERATION.

(4) NYTIMES -- NOTHING IN TIMES TODAY FROM TRIP.

(5) WASHSTAR (O'LEARY FROM BOGOTA) -- "KISSINGER: U.S.

FAVORS HEMISPHERE DEMOCRACIES" (PAGE 5)

"SECRETARY KISSINGER IS INDICATING TO COLOMBIANS THAT THE U.S. RESERVES ITS SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS. . . . A SENIOR OFFICIAL ON THE KISSINGER PLANE SAID IT WAS INTENTIONAL THAT THE SECRETARY INCLUDED THE THREE MAJOR LATIN DEMOCRACIES . . ON HIS TOUR, . . BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WASHINGTON ALSO MUST DEAL WITH THE REALITIES IN OTHER NATIONS, . . WHERE MILITARY GOVERNMENTS RULE. . . .

"KISSINGER BELIEVES, THE OFFICIAL SAID, THAT THE WEST IS STRENGTHENED BY GOVERNMENTS THAT RESPOND TO DEMANDS FOR HUMAN DIGNITY. . . .

". . . A U.S.-BRAZIL AGREEMENT SIGNED SATURDAY . . APPEARED TO BE A RECOGNITION BY THE U.S. THAT BRAZIL IS NOW THE PREMIER POWER OF LATIN AMERICA AND IT RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT KISSINGER'S VIEWS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION IN BRAZIL.

"AT A NEWS CONFERENCE HERE LAST NIGHT, KISSINGER INDICATED THAT HE IS GETTING NO EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ABOUT CASES OF BRIBERY FOR CONTRACTS BY U.S.-OWNED MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS BUT RATHER A CONTINUING CONCERN ABOUT HOW THE BIG COMPANIES INTERVENE
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IN FOREIGN POLITICAL PROCESSES. THE . . REPORTED CASES OF BRIBERY . . ARE HUMILIATING AND DISASTROUS, ACCORDING TO U.S. OFFICIALS.

". . . KISSINGER (SAID) THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO WORK OUT A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. . . . A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID THE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY CAN ONLY GAIN FROM GETTING THE BRIBERY PRACTICE STOPPED (AND) . . THE U.S. IS EXAMINING THE IDEA OF BOTH DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND MULTILATERAL CODES OF CONDUCT. . . .

"THIS APPROACH IS NECESSARY, HE SAID, BECAUSE IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE U.S. TO ENFORCE A BRIBERY LAW IN ANOTHER COUNTRY WHERE NO SUCH LAW EXISTS. . . .

"KISSINGER IS PREPARED TO PRESS FOR LEGISLATION APPLYING ONLY TO THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, HE IS TELLING LATIN LEADERS. BUT HE FEELS STRONGLY THAT THE JURISDICTION SHOULD LIE IN THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE BRIBERY TAKES PLACE. . . .

"DESPITE STUDENT AND LABOR UNREST IN BOGOTA, KISSINGER RECEIVED A WARM WELCOME. HE TOLD COLOMBIAN REPORTERS THE U.S.-BRAZILIAN CONSULTATIVE AGREEMENT WAS NOT AN EXCLUSIVE RELATIONSHIP AND THAT THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO

MAKE COMPARABLE ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER LATIN COUNTRIES. ."

(6) LATIMES (OSWALD FROM BOGOTA) -- "KISSINGER ARRIVES IN COLOMBIA FOR TALKS" (PAGE 4)

"SECRETARY KISSINGER ARRIVED IN COLOMBIA FOR . . THE MOST TRANQUIL, LEAST SUBSTANTIVE VISIT OF HIS . . TOUR. BUT HE FOUND A CAPITAL THAT HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO SPORADIC STUDENT DISORDERS. . . . OFFICIALS WITH KISSINGER WERE QUICK TO DESCRIBE THE DEMONSTRATIONS AS PROVOKED BY THE YEAR-LONG STATE OF SIEGE. . .

"REPORTERS ABOARD THE KISSINGER PLANE WERE TOLD THAT THE STOP HERE HAD BEEN URGENTLY REQUESTED BY THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT, WAS MAINLY SYMBOLIC AND WAS DIRECTED TOWARD TWO OBJECTIVES: . . TO UNDERLINE THE U.S. BELIEF . . THAT (IT) CAN WORK AS CLOSELY WITH (COLOMBIA) AS WITH ANY OTHER NATION IN THE HEMISPHERE . . . (AND) TO REASSERT U.S. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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U.S. POLITICAL PREFERENCE FOR DEMOCRATIC REGIMES IN LATIN AMERICA -- A PREFERENCE OCCASIONALLY PUT ASIDE FOR OTHER, MORE 'REALISTIC' OBJECTIVES . . .

"NEVERTHELESS, THERE ARE CONCRETE ISSUES . . . : THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY . . . , NARCOTICS CONTROL . . . , (AND) THE REORGANIZATION OF THE OAS.

"OF THESE, THE PANAMA CANAL IS THE MOST IMPORTANT. . . . IN AN ELECTION YEAR, . . THE COURSE THAT HAS EVIDENTLY BEEN DECIDED ON IS TO YIELD AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE AND HOPE FOR THE BEST. A RELUCTANT PENTAGON HAS GIVEN ITS BACKING TO ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A NEW TREATY, BUT . . ONE OF THE KEY OBJECTIONS OF THE JOINT CHIEFS HAS NOW BEEN ACCEDED TO ALTOGETHER. THE MINIMUM U.S. NEGOTIATING POSITION AT PRESENT CALLS FOR RETAINING THE DEFENSE OF THE CANAL AND ITS APPROACHES IN U.S. HANDS INDEFINITELY, . . ."

FOLLOWING ARE QUICK SUMMARIES OF LATIMES ARTICLES IN SATURDAY AND SUNDAY PAPERS (BOTH CAME IN MONDAY MORNING):

(A) SATURDAY -- (JOHNSTON) "WILL SHUN CARTELS, BRAZIL TELLS U.S." (PAGE 1) -- JOHNSTON SAYS U.S. "WELCOMES" BRAZIL'S RENEWED ASSURANCES IT WOULD "REFUSE TO JOIN THIRD WORLD COMMODITY CARTELS." POLICY APPEARED TO BE CONSEQUENCE OF NEW CONSULTATIVE AGREEMENT, BUT U.S. OFFICIALS "SIDESTEPED" SUGGESTION THAT BRAZIL'S CARTEL POSTURE "WAS LINKED TO ITS HOPES FOR A BETTER TRADE BALANCE WITH NORTH AMERICA." JOHNSTON CONTINUES, ". . IF A BRAZILIAN POLICY AGAINST PRODUCER CARTELS CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO

ACTION IN COMING YEARS, IT COULD UNDERCUT THE WORLDWIDE

TREND TOWARD COMMODITY CARTELS."

(B) SUNDAY --(JOHNSTON) "U.S. AND BRAZIL SIGN CONSULTATION PACT" (PAGE 4) -- JOHNSTON SAYS U.S.-BRAZIL TREATY MAY CAUSE DIFFICULTIES: FOR U.S., HUMAN RIGHTS IN BRAZIL; FOR BRAZIL, REFUSAL OF U.S. TO YIELD MINIMUM ECONOMIC AND TRADE CONCESSIONS. KISSINGER "UNCOMFORTABLE" IN PUBLIC ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, SINCE "A FIRM STATEMENT ON SUBJECT UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD INEVITABLY CARRY AN IMPLICATION OF INTERFERING WITH INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF A HOST COUNTRY." JOHNSTON CONCLUDES WITH RUNDOWN OF PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT.

(7) CHICAGO DAILY NEWS -- NOTHING FROM DAILY NEWS TODAY, ACCORDING TO THEIR WASHINGTON BUREAU.

WIRES

1. UPI (WALTER FROM BOGOTA): KISSINGER, CALLING FOR A 'CONCRETE PROGRAM' OF HEMISPHERIC COOPERATION, CONFERRED WITH COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ MICHELSEN SUNDAY NIGHT ON THE PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS AND THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC.

KISSINGER ... ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THE U.S. WILL NOT USE MILITARY FORCE IN FUTURE ANGOLA-TYPE SITUATIONS.

KISSINGER ARRIVED IN COLOMBIA SUNDAY FROM RIO. A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL IN THE KISSINGER PARTY SAID THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE WAS OF KEY IMPORTANCE IN THE SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH COLOMBIAN LEADERS.

HISTORICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY, COLOMBIA HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PANAMA AND THE U.S. ON A NEW TREATY.

2. AP (FREED FROM BOGOTA): KISSINGER CONFERRED WITH COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ TODAY DURING AN OVERNIGHT VISIT.

A SENIOR OFFICIAL TOLD NEWSMEN TRAVELING ON KISSINGER'S PLANE THAT THE SECRETARY'S ORIGINAL ITINERARY DID NOT INCLUDE COLOMBIA BECAUSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE SO GOOD KISSINGER THOUGHT HE COULD USE HIS TIME TO BETTER ADVANTAGE IN COUNTRIES WHICH PRESENT MORE PROBLEMS.

COLOMBIA WAS ADDED TO THE TOUR AFTER PERSISTENT APPEALS FROM PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND FM LIEVANO. THE AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID KISSINGER WANTED TO DEMONSTRATE AMERICAN SUPPORT OF THE LOPEZ GOVERNMENT ... AND HE BELIEVED THE STOP IN COLOMBIA WOULD HELP EASE CRITICISM OF HIS COURTSHIP LAST UNCLASSIFIED

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WEEK OF THE DICTATORIAL REGIMES IN PERU AND BRAZIL.

THERE WERE VIOLENT PROTESTS AGAINST THE VISIT FRIDAY IN BOGOTA AND MEDELLIN, AND KISSINGER ON HIS ARRIVAL SUNDAY WAS DRIVEN FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE SECLUSION OF THE PRESIDENT'S RANCH.

HIS ONLY APPEARANCE IN BOGOTA WAS TO BE FOR A LUNCHEON HE WAS GIVING FOR LIEVANO AT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. AFTER THE LUNCHEON, HE FLIES TO COSTA RICA.

ON HIS ARRIVAL AT THE PRESIDENT'S RANCH, KISSINGER TOLD COLOMBIAN NEWSMEN THEY SHOULD 'NOT PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO THOSE RUMORS IN WASHINGTON' THAT HIS PRESTIGE IS DECLINING AND HE

MAY RESIGN SOON.

3. LATE UPI ADD (NO BYLINE), FROM BOGOTA: KISSINGER CONCLUDED 'CORDIAL' TALKS WITH COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ TODAY BUT THE COLOMBIAN STATESMAN INDICATED DISPLEASURE AT THE APPARENT U.S. PREFERENCE FOR BRAZIL IN HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS.

'COLOMBIA DOESN'T HAVE TO GO ON ITS KNEES BEFORE THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN LATIN AMERICA,' LOPEZ TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE AFTER HIS SECOND SESSION WITH KISSINGER.

COLOMBIA HAS BEEN REPORTED IRKED BY THE CONSULTATION AGREEMENT KISSINGER SIGNED EARLIER WITH BRAZIL.

BUT LOPEZ DID NOT CRITICIZE THE AGREEMENT DIRECTLY AND SAID COLOMBIA HAD NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND BRAZIL.

LOPEZ SAID HE HAD TALKED TO KISSINGER 'ON A FOOTING OF EQUALITY' ABOUT 'GENERAL PROBLEMS, MORE THAN SPECIFIC OR BILATERAL PROBLEMS.'

THE COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT SAID COLOMBIA HAD NOT HAD ANY BURNING PROBLEMS WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PAST UNCLASSIFIED

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50 YEARS.

AMERICAN SOURCES SAID THE PANAMA CANAL AND DRUG TRAFFIC FROM COLOMBIA TO THE UNITED STATES WERE HIGH ON THE AGENDA OF KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH LOPEZ.

RADIO/TV

1. ABC - DUNSMORE DOES NOT APPEAR ON "GOOD MORNING AMERICA", AND NO MENTION OF SECRETARY'S TRIP BY ANCHORMEN.

2. NBC - VALERIANI ABSENT BUT LEW WOOD, "TODAY SHOW", HAS SHORT REPORT:

"SECSTATE KISSINGER CONTINUES HIS LATIN AMERICAN TRIP, TAKING OFF LATER TODAY FOR COSTA RICA. KISSINGER LAST NIGHT CALLED FOR A CONCRETE PROGRAM OF HEMISPHERIC SOLIDARITY WHEN HE MET WITH COLOMBIA'S PRESIDENT. . ."

3. CBS - HUGHES RUDD, MORNING TV, REPORTS FOLLOWING:
". . . KISSINGER IN COLOMBIA TODAY. . ., ONE OF THE FEW SURVIVING DEMOCRACIES IN SOUTH AMERICA, AND THE U.S. HAS SUCH GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRY THAT KISSINGER ALMOST DIDN'T GO THERE. BUT THE COLOMBIANS INSISTED, AND KISSINGER RELENTED.

"ON HIS ARRIVAL, KISSINGER TOLD COLOMBIAN REPORTERS THEY SHOULDN'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO WASHINGTON RUMORS THAT HIS PRESTIGE IS DECLINING AND THAT HE MAY RESIGN SOON. HE SAYS HE'LL STAY ON AS LONG AS PRESIDENT FORD WANTS HIM."

WTOP REPORTS THAT SECRETARY HEADING FOR COSTA RICA, "WHERE HE IS EXPECTED TO BE ASKED FOR ASSURANCES THAT U.S. WILL STAND BY THAT COUNTRY IN CASE OF EVENTUAL CUBA-INSPIRED SUBVERSION. . . .

"IN COLOMBIA HE RESTATED U.S. POLICY THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO SETTLE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS WITHOUT HAVING A GOV'T IMPOSED ON THEM BY FOREIGN TROOPS. THE KEY TOPIC OF HIS STAY IN COLOMBIA, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN THE PANAMA CANAL. . . KISSINGER MET WITH" MICHELSEN "CALLING FOR A UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCRETE PROGRAM OF HEMISPHERIC COOPERATION ON CANAL NEGOTIATIONS."

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